



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Total distillate stocks were 102.7 million barrels (MMB) on March 10, 2000, unchanged from last week and 34.8 MMB less than last year. Low sulfur stocks at 62.9 MMB dropped 0.2 MMB while heating oil stocks increased 0.3 MMB to 39.8 MMB. Distillate production decreased about 0.1 million barrels per day (MMBD) to 3.5 MMBD. Imports at 0.4 MMBD increased by 0.2 MMBD. Demand increased to 3.7 million barrels per day, a rise of 0.3 million barrels per day.
- This week U.S. crude oil input increased to 14.5 MMBD with refiners utilizing 90.1 percent of 16.1 MMBD in operating capacity.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	02/18/00	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/10/00	03/12/99	02/18/00	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/10/00	03/12/99
East Coast (PADD I)	476	468	500	461	441	147	151	238	226	210
Midwest (PADD II)	783	863	870	846	684	590	638	674	636	496
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,570	1,586	1,704	1,656	1,408	1,039	1,127	1,200	1,159	970
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	142	136	120	140	154	116	111	107	110	121
West Coast (PADD V)	421	392	383	391	413	342	312	272	325	338
U.S. Total	3,392	3,445	3,577	3,494	3,100	2,234	2,339	2,491	2,456	2,135

Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	02/18/00	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/10/00	03/10/99	02/18/00	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/10/00	03/10/99
East Coast (PADD I)	29.9	31.4	32.3	33.2	57.8	11.8	11.3	12.1	13.3	18.3
PADD IX	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.7	NA	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.4	NA
PADD IY	15.2	16.2	17.3	18.0	NA	5.2	5.1	5.9	6.5	NA
PADD IZ	8.9	9.4	9.3	9.4	NA	5.3	4.7	4.6	5.3	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	28.3	29.1	28.0	29.0	33.9	19.4	20.4	19.5	20.1	24.0
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	26.4	26.0	27.4	25.7	30.7	16.8	17.8	19.3	17.6	18.6
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7
West Coast (PADD V)	11.1	10.9	11.5	11.3	12.0	9.1	8.9	9.2	8.9	8.9
U.S. Total	99.3	101.0	102.7	102.7	137.5	60.3	61.4	63.1	62.9	72.5

* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

PRICES

- Reports of stock builds for the week ending March 3 and news that Iran would back a production hike brought crude oil futures prices down from nine-year highs and caused other petroleum spot and futures prices to follow suit. Some markets recovered lost ground as traders sorted through subsequent conflicting signals over the size and timing of possible production increases. A week-long outage of the Explorer Pipeline that transports Gulf Coast product to Chicago is currently being monitored for supply implications. The New York Harbor spot price for low sulfur diesel finished at 79.75 cents per gallon on March 13, 2000, down 3.32 cents from last week.
- Modest declines in Northeast and Midwest on-highway diesel fuel prices were no match for this week's three-plus cent gains west of the Mississippi. The U.S. average ended at 149.6 cents per gallon, 0.6 cent higher than last week and almost 50 cents higher than last year. Heating oil prices showed little movement for the March 6, 2000 collection period due to mild weather across much of the nation. The residential price of 139.4 cents per gallon represented a half-cent drop from the February 28 mark of 139.9 cents, whereas the increase over last year was 54.0 cents.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	02/22/00	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/13/00	03/15/99	02/22/00	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/13/00	03/15/99
New York	74.88	83.75	83.07	79.75	39.66	75.73	81.63	86.70	79.25	38.26
Chicago	84.01	89.38	88.58	83.38	39.54	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	72.61	80.31	84.50	76.33	37.19	71.98	72.31	80.32	74.25	35.54
Los Angeles (CARB)	89.25	94.00	96.00	102.00	58.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	02/21/00	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/13/00	03/15/99	02/14/00	02/21/00	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/01/99
East Coast (PADD I)	152.0	150.0	151.0	150.7	99.5	162.3	146.2	142.4	141.7	86.7
PADD IX	173.9	164.3	160.9	158.9	105.8	161.7	139.9	136.8	136.8	79.9
PADD IY	165.3	161.6	160.1	159.3	107.7	165.7	151.9	147.2	146.2	92.1
PADD IZ	144.3	143.8	146.2	146.3	95.4	138.3	136.9	136.1	134.6	84.6
Midwest (PADD II)	143.9	145.4	148.4	148.2	97.4	116.9	117.8	^R 119.0	120.5	74.5
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	139.3	139.7	143.4	144.6	96.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	140.9	142.4	146.5	149.4	102.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	147.5	151.0	156.5	160.0	114.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
California	154.0	154.7	159.7	163.7	126.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. Average**	145.6	146.1	149.0	149.6	100.0	157.4	143.1	139.9	139.4	85.4

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-8149.688, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

R = Revised.

NA =Not Available.

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